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J. P. PARKER, Acting Superintendent.

Bombay, 26th June 1874.

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AUCTION SALE of [illegible]

TUESDAY, the 3rd [illegible]

will sell by Public Auction at [illegible]

the customs [illegible]

[illegible] rights in [illegible]

12 bales Birmingham cotton pick[illegible]
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[illegible] assorted Dharwar [illegible]

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Bombay, 2nd June 1874.

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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES AT MALABAR HILL.

ON THURSDAY, the 16th instant, Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE, CURSETJEE & Co. will be by Public Auction at 5 o'clock P.M. (unless previously disposed of by private contract), by order of Mahomed Ismail Ibrahim Bottawalla, Esq., the Plaintiff in Suit No. 459 of 1873, wherein Bottawalla Mahomed Ismail Ibrahim is Plaintiff and Meghjee Nanjee is Defendant, the Lots mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written, being the property of the Estate of the said Defendant Meghjee Nanjee, viz.:—

Lot No. 1.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages, tenements and dwelling-houses, or thereon erected, standing and being on Malabar Hill, in the Island of Bombay, on the south-west side of Malabar Hill Road, No. 20 Ward, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the north by the property of Jugonath Sunkersett, on or towards the west by the property of Mahomed Ismail Ibrahim Bottawalla, Esq., on or towards the south by the property of Jugonath Sunkersett, and on or towards the east by the said Malabar Hill Road, be the said several boundaries or dimensions more or less.

Lot No. 2.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuages, tenements and dwelling-houses thereon erected, situate, standing and being on Malabar Hill aforesaid, in the Island of Bombay aforesaid, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the north by the property of Jugonath Sunkersett, on or towards the west by the said Malabar Hill Road, on or towards the south by the property of Jugonath Sunkersett, and on or towards the east by the property of Jugonath Sunkersett, be the said several boundaries or dimensions more or less.

Lot No. 3.—All that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuages, tenements or dwelling-houses, hereditaments, buildings and premises thereon erected, situate, standing and being on the north-west side of Bomanjee Hormusjee Street, formerly called Green Market, in the district of Bhoolesheer, containing 133 1-5 square yards, be the same more or less, and is registered in the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 2256, and to the east by the property of Jooma Musjid or Great Mosque, to the south by a public road, on the north by a passage, on the south by the public road called Bell Chimney, and the said dwelling-house and premises are assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 19.

For other and [illegible] conditions of sale apply to the [illegible]

[illegible] LUABLE LANDED PROPERTY [illegible] CORNEY ROW, Fort.

By order of the Mortgagees [illegible] of July, 1874, at 4 P.M., Messrs. [illegible] have received instruction to sell by Public Auction, on account and risk of [illegible] Dewsdiler, the following [illegible] together with the chawkee [illegible] on, assessed under No. 12, [illegible] Fort, on the southern side [illegible] Fort and Colaba [illegible] be [illegible] on parcel [illegible] ground [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Andamans, was Deputy Adjutant-General on the appointment of the first Royal Army officer to be Adjutant-General, and this is probably the reason why his name is now brought forward; but we should think his claims are scarcely equal to those of Colonel Dillon.

It is reported that the station master and assistant station master at Phillour, whence a carriage was blown away lately by a dust-storm, on to the Sutlej Bridge, as described a few days back, have been suspended. They allege that the carriage was duly chained down to the line, but that the lock broke under the strain. If this is shown to have been the case, it is difficult to see how anybody can deserve blame for what happened, unless the peculiar liability of carriages at Phillour to be carried away, so to speak, so to speak, by gales of wind, is well understood. In that case, of course, it would be the duty of a station-master to see that he had everything snug when a gale came on. Meanwhile, remarks a contemporary, it seems to us that a good deal of credit is due to the engine-driver in coming over the bridge with extreme caution, even though he had no reason to expect any particular obstacle. His care averted a catastrophe that might have been one of terrible fatality.

PERHAPS the most popular man in Australia at the present moment, observes the *Ceylon Times*, is Mr. Dalrymple, late of Ceylon. This gentleman, who was in charge of the Queensland North-East Coast Expedition, has sent in to Government a glowing account of the capabilities of the regions discovered by his party, and Australia is in ecstasies at possessing real "tropics" of her own. Mr. Dalrymple has in fact turned the heads of the Colonists, and we shall probably soon hear of a rush to Queensland. Speaking of the country on the banks of the … River, the explorer says—"We had … to those with a true tropical … a vast and hitherto hidden … cultivation at one stroke … not only far beyond all … agricultural occupation settled—on … tries, the names … of which are household words." … around Mouriyan harbour are to … Java, and Jamaica in the produce … coffee. "Here," reports Mr. Dalrymple, "a truly tropical Queensland exhibited a vegetation thoroughly oriental in its character, and unlike any other in the Australian colonies. The hills around Mouriyan harbour possess a richness of soil, a denseness of jungle, and a general gradient of slope which will render them very valuable for coffee plantations. The uninitiated in this industry are of opinion that any good soil, with even plains or open forest upon it, will grow coffee; but the practical planter knows that it can only be carried on profitably in the rich vegetable loams (mixed with the detritus of volcanic tuffs, limestones, or schists, granites, &c.,) only found in virgin forests such as those of the central mountain zones of Ceylon, Java or Jamaica. I consider that the coffee lands of the N. E. coast of Queensland, which we have explored, are quite equal to any of these, and I believe that climatic influences will tend to the production of a berry of very superior quality and value. The question of coffee growth in the influence of the sea-breeze is simply one of climate, regulated by latitude, elevation, and ocean currents. In Ceylon, which is in 7-N., low class coffee as well as in Jamaica, which is 17-N., low class coffee only are grown near the coast; the zone likewise only are grown high class plantation … of production of the sorts extends from about 2,500 feet to the … 4,000 feet above the … frost … the latter …

his house. We all then went and stood … house. Visram came out of his house and … along with him. At this time the prisoner … where he was going. I afterward left the men. … left, the prisoner said, "We are going in search of … wife." The four men went towards the race-course … new road. This was about half-past nine in the … It was a dark night, but we could see a little. … prisoner the next morning near the Grant Road … station. He was on duty there. When he saw me … me and said, "If any one asks you about my … search of Visram's wife, don't tell. If he sits you … or bangs you, don't tell." The night before the … was dressed in these clothes (produced in Court). …

Cross-examined by Mr. Purcell.—It was at 8 o'… the morning I saw the prisoner the second time. … Visram joined us he did so in a friendly way. I … Goodoo. I first told of what I had seen to a Je… named Vittoo. I was taken into custody by the Jemadar, … was taken to the hospital. The Jemadar didn't charge me … with the murder. I have been once … Court. … conversation with Mahadoo before giving evi… know Mahadoo's father. … conversation … before giving evidence. I … had a quarrel … with … prisoner.

Re-examined by the Advocate-General.—I was examined … by the Coroner before I gave evidence at the Police … Court. When I first went to the hospital I saw Visram, … he was …

Several … who stated the facts … referred … Dr. … to J. J. Hospital, stated … that the … ught to the hospital on the 20th of May … on the 5th of June. … The lower … deceased were … fragments. The … of the scalp on the … the head was extensively bruised. The … tured, and parts of the face much bruised. … death was exhaustion from the injuries … juries might have been caused by a club.

Mr. Purcell then addressed the jury on … prisoner. He would call their attention … difficulties under which the prisoner labo… poor man, without the means of obtaining … witnesses; his mouth was shut, so that he … plain many circumstances which could probably … easily explained; he had no solicitor, and was unable … communicate with his counsel, who only held a … the depositions. This being … he would ask the … to pay the more attention to it … and to deal the … leniently with the evidence … before them. He would … now examine the evidence … and he supposed the … jury must have wondered for … time what this evidence … was all about, for it was long … any witness had appeared who had given any evidence … the murder. First, … there was a total absence of … ive or design on the … part of the prisoner. It … for one man to kill … another to obtain his … here the prisoner … Sunday … visited … Visram's wife. He had … even deserted her. There was no object … to be … gained by the murder. As to design, the only evidence … was that on … Sunday before the murder was committed he was seen whistling a … Surely there was no … design … on a Sunday than whistling a … Jack … er had let fall some remark as to … what he … do it would have shown design, but there … is not … of that kind here: not a word had … fallen from the prisoner to show that he was angry with … deceased. Then, on the evening in question, according to the evidence of Narayen, the prisoner had met the other two men, who were accused of being in this conspiracy, on the road by accident. There was no evidence of their meeting by a common arrangement. Again, they had not … asked Visram to join them, but seeing them coming down the road had joined them in a friendly manner, and then they had all strolled on together. The only thing … was the statement made by Narayen that the prisoner had said "Let us go and look for Visram's wife." But supposing this to be true, how easily it might be explained. He had left the house where she had put up with the prisoner for three or four days, and it was only natural that he should suggest to Visram to go and look for her. He submitted that the Crown had failed completely to prove … that there was either motive or design, and in a trial of this kind the jury had not to consider whether the circumstances of the case and the conduct of the prisoner were consistent with guilt, but whether they were inconsistent with innocence. Next as to the depositions of the deceased. On the day after the assault he had made a solemn declaration. The jury had heard from Mr Nana Morojee that on this occasion he was in great suffering, and that on the second occasion he was vastly recovered; but there was no evidence that he was delirious the first time. Had he been delirious Mr. Nana Morojee would never have taken the deposition. Besides, the deceased, on the face of it, showed that the evidence was not given in a delirious state. Now could anything explain the statement in this deposition that the prisoner had nothing to do with the assault? The deposition was either true or was a terrible perjury, and if it was the latter the jury were asked to hang the prisoner on the evidence of a self-convicted perjurer. It was afterwards, when the deceased felt he was getting better, that he had thought of taking revenge on the man who had enticed away his wife. If the jury believed the first statement, the case at once fell to the ground; if they believed the second, could they convict a man on the evidence of one who had deliberately committed perjury? The police on searching the prisoner's house had found clothes with blood-stains, but who did not occasionally get blood on his clothes from some accident? Referring to Dr. Knapp's evidence, the learned counsel said he did not think it proved that the assault had been made with sticks. The fact of the bruises … the side of the deceased's head and face … the blows had been given with … it was true that it was … murdered, or was … abettors …

…nt to him by his … applying … the Court. His … he attended … that Mr. Arde… …ing throughout … he books of his … …ares which he … ught stood for … …anding in the name of Mahomed … Of course the first person … applied to for … …on regarding the shares was Mahomed … a considerable time had been spent in argument … learned counsel on each side, his Lordship said … of opinion that Mr. Nusserwanjee Ardeseer … was not competent to make this application … section 26, and he discharged the rule with costs.

RE NANABHOY DOMANJEE.

Mr. Tyabjee appeared for the insolvent and moved for a renewal of the protection order granted on the 4th of March last.

Mr Pigot opposed the application on behalf of Fatma Beebee, the widow and executrix of the opposing creditor, Mahomed Ali Shirazi. New matter, he said, had arisen since … granted the first order, and … that matter that … of the order. The … ject of which costs … under a decree of … moved on the … ted that the defence … made, and that when … dence it was found that … ther from those in his written … that the statements in the written … were wholly untrue. The learned Judge … expressed his opinion that the insolvent had … ty of misconduct amounting to breach of trust. … yabjee, in replying, contended that the affida… …tima Beebee was not reliable, as she had de… …d to facts which had taken place in open Court, … and she being a Mahomedan lady could not possibly have heard them herself. Mere … failure in a suit was not proof of a vexatious defence.

His Lordship here desired that Mr. Justice Marriot's notes in the suit referred to by Fatima Beebee should be brought to prove the accuracy of her affidavit, and these not being at hand the case was postponed till Wednesday next.

DISCHARGES.

In the course of the day the following insolvents obtained there discharges:—Gunnoo Oomajee, Bhillies … 614; Eduljee Dhunjeebhoy, Rs. 620; Momen Essoo and wife, Rs. 1,024; Meajee Meajee, Rs. 1,060; Khoja Karrim Goolam Hussain Rs. 1,067; Framjee Eardoojee Maistree Rs. 518; Cassiram Callian, Rs. 857; Govind (alias Seina) Wittoojee, Rs. 739.

SEASON REPORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 25TH JUNE.

Kurrachee.—River at Kotri on 20th, 15 feet 9 inches, being 3 feet 2 inches higher than on same date last year. Course of main stream having changed, town of Kotri (Gorabari) no longer in danger. Squall of rain in Kurrachee on 19th, with much thunder and lightning. Slight rain all over district. Bajri 14-92 to 15-86 seers. High winds.

Haiderabad.—River within 13 inches of last year's maximum. High winds with dust. Slight rain in some talookas. District healthy.

Shikarpur.—Weather very sultry. River falling, but still more water in the canals than required.

Upper Sind Frontier.—Weather very hot and oppressive. Nights extremely sultry. Slight shower of rain in talooka Thul on 18th. Grain deras of present rabi crops destroyed by floods.

Ahmedabad.—Rain 1 inch 99 cents. Weather squally all the week. Agricultural operations progressing. A temple at Ferandej struck by lightning and damaged.

Kaira.—Rain 1 inch 85 cents. Sowing commenced. Health good.

Surat.—Sowing commenced. Rainfall 11 inches 88 cents.

Broach.—Rain 8 inches 55 cents. Public health good.

Khandesh.—Rain 2 inches 54 cents. at Dhulia. Cotton market unchanged. Weather cool and cloudy. Public health good. Guinea-worm in parts of Amalner and Pimpalner talookas.

Nasik.—Rain 5 inches 99 cents. Sowing progressing; young crop good. Public health good. Dengue in Yeola.

Poona.—Rain 18 inches 33 cents.; fair favourable throughout the collectorate. Sowing operations … completed in some talookas. Fever prevailing … Mahim, Shahpur, and Bhiwndy … disease in Mahim, Warra, Sh… ague in Taona.

Poona …

VISIT OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER TO CACHAR.

(Englishman.)

THE Chief Commissioner of Assam has just been on a visit of inspection to Cachar, where he was most cordially received by all classes. During his stay in Silchar, the tea planters presented him with an address, of which the following is a copy:

"On this the first occasion on which you have visited Cachar since this district has passed under your jurisdiction as Chief Commissioner of Assam, the planting community are desirous of expressing their gratification that the long-contemplated scheme for a Chief Commissionership on this frontier has at last been carried out, and that an officer of such well-known reputation and ability as yourself has been chosen as first administrator of the new province. We welcome you most heartily into the district, and look forward with great hope to a long career of prosperity for Cachar under your enlightened and able rule, and we beg most respectfully to assure you that in all measures you may consider advisable towards its progress and advancement you will have our assistance and support as far as our necessarily limited powers admit.

We may be permitted perhaps to point out that the welfare of the district is most intimately connected with that of the tea-planting interest which we represent. Cachar, though by no means a large place, yet produces a greater quantity of tea than any other district in India. You will therefore find it studded over with tea plantations in all directions, affording employment to a very considerable body of Europeans and to a very large number of imported and indigenous labourers. These tea settlers may be described as a manufacturing population growing little food for themselves, and consequently giving an excellent market to the villagers for their agricultural produce of all kinds. Tea planters have, therefore, not only introduced an enterprise now happily profitable to all immediately engaged in it, but have also indirectly been the means of benefiting all classes of the community, and much as they themselves have done in the clearing away of waste land, still more has been accomplished by the native settlers under the stimulus of the high prices and ready market obtainable for their crops. In further illustration of this subject, we may point out that planters pay away annually in the district some thirty lakhs of rupees, and that a very small proportion of this large sum ever leaves Cachar again.

Under these circumstances, we trust that you will excuse us if we make a few remarks on certain matters in which we are deeply interested, and regarding which we wish to place before you an expression of our views, and we would refer first of all to the subject of roads and communications. We have a large mileage of roads in the district, and on this point we have little cause of complaint, but in the matters of surface repairs of these roads, bridging and ferry arrangements, there is very great room for improvement, and we shall be exceedingly grateful for any assistance you can give us in bringing about a better state of things. We would also draw your attention to our river communication with Calcutta. This, during the rains, or, say, from June to October, is fairly good, and steamers ply regularly on the line, but for seven months of the year the latter run up only as far as Chuttuck, and we experience, in consequence, great delay and inconvenience in shipping our teas, and getting up our stores thence. It is generally believed that at no very great expense this difficulty might be obviated by deepening the river channels at one or two points, so as to admit of a small steamer or steam launch running up to Cachar at all seasons of the year. This would be a great advantage to us, and to the district generally, and would facilitate greatly our communications, not only with Calcutta, but also with Shillong, to which latter place, now that it has become the seat of our Government, it is desirable we should have an easy approach. We trust, therefore, that you will have the question fully enquired into, and, if possible, enable us to have steam communication continuous between Cachar and Calcutta all the year round.

We wish also to make a few remarks on the great change in our labour laws which recent legislation … brought about. We refer to the removal … tracts of work are known as time-contracts … under the provisions of the … case a labourer of this … ment, we have … only …

depressed condition, even a slight rise … produce disastrous consequences. But I … is no fear that your industry will be ill … rise in wages. It is beyond all things necessary … planting interest that the relations of master and … should be placed as much as possible on a plain … plicated basis. I need hardly remind you that … freer the labourer is the greater the difficulty of adjusting his claims is. Free labour is causing the same complications in England, as it must one day cause here. I have good hope that your industry may weather the storm. But I may remind you that you have the expedient of making contracts under advances with your labourers, and thus bringing them within the scope of Act XIII. of 1859.

As regards the procedure in granting lands in fee simple, I am fully aware that the suspension of the rules by the Government of India has put a stop for a time to the sale of waste lands. But the new rules have now passed, and there appears to be no reason why delay should now occur. I must remind you that the suspension of operations under the rules was a reaction from the too hurried procedure of some years ago,—the reaction from a period when undue facility for the acquisition of land led to speculation and ruin. Then I want the society interested in tea planting to remember that the sale of Government lands in fee simple is quite an exceptional grace accorded to you at variance with the usual policy of the State. We do not profess to sell lands in any way eligible for cultivation under lease land, which there is a prospect may be cultivated in lease within any reasonable period of time. It is only in cases where land could not otherwise be cultivated that we are willing to sell it in fee simple. So much for the sale of lands. I am aware, too, that the lease of waste lands under the ordinary district tenure has been suspended since last year. I am in daily expectation of orders from the Government of India which will enable me again to lease lands for tea cultivation under the ordinary district tenure. For myself I do not see why tea cultivated on leasehold tenure should not be as profitable as tea cultivated on freehold tenure.

I now hear for the first time that the cultivation of tea is extending in the permanently settled part of the district of Sylhet. This is a matter for much congratulation to everyone concerned. Such extension is in the best interest of Government.

Gentlemen, before we part, I thank you again for your kind and hospitable words; you may rely upon it that I have your interests at heart, that I appreciate the value of the tea industry to the province which the Government has placed under my charge.

Your representations shall on all occasions receive a fair hearing and full consideration."

Planters are much gratified, we understand, with the tone of this reply from the Chief Commissioner, indicating, as it does, that he thoroughly appreciates the value of their tea enterprise as a source of prosperity to the district, and that he is giving his earnest attention to all matters in which the planting community are interested. The change he announces with reference to the Road Executive meets with universal approval, and is decidedly a step in the right direction, and his announcement on the labour question, that Act XIII. of 1859, otherwise known as the Artificer's Act, would apply to contracts with tea labourers has lessened much the anxiety all planters in Cachar have entertained since the passing of the recent Labour Act of the Bengal Council that there was a large element of unsoundness and consequent danger in our labour system. All interested in tea know that the custom here has been to formally enter into an agreement for a year or two years, with each time-expired coolie wishing to give his services again to the garden, in consideration for which he obtained a bonus varying from Rs. 12 to Rs. 18 per year of service. He then, by the old laws, was compelled to carry out this contract, specifically, unless he could show special cause for not doing so. But the removal of this class of coolie entirely from the provisions of the recently enacted Labour Act, were Act XIII. of 1859 not available to meet the case, would render all agreements such as that described … desirable, since the coolie would rec… contract which the planter could … performance of which … securely. The … that Act …

EGYPT.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT OF THE "TIMES.")

JUNE 2.

After the mail left Alexandria on last Monday morning (May 26) the Diplomatic Agents and Consuls-General of the foreign Powers in Egypt were astonished to receive a Circular from Riaz Pasha, formerly Assistant to Nubar Pasha, announcing that he had been appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs by the Khedive, and requesting the continuance of the friendly support, &c., which had been given to his predecessor. In other words, Nubar Pasha had been suddenly deprived of the office he had held so long and filled so ably. The dismissal was not only abrupt, but it was rendered additionally painful by the manner in which it was done. On Tuesday, the 25th, Nubar Pasha was to have gone to Europe as the representative of Egypt to arrange at Rome, Vienna, Paris, &c., for the appointment of Judges to the reformed Tribunals, and he hoped to prevail on France to accede to the measure. On the Saturday previous the Viceroy came from Cairo with his Court and the other Ministers, and took up his residence in his new Palace at Ramle the following day, and on that day the various Consuls-General, &c., who had audience of him, and who saw Nubar Pasha on business, not only had no intimation of the impending coup, but were informed by Nubar of his intended departure and of the object of his mission, Riaz Pasha being named as the official who was to conduct the business of his Department while Nubar was away. There were, however, persons who left the Palace of Ras-el-Teen that forenoon with the impression that Nubar was *distrait*, and that there was a screw loo… somewhere. The Viceroy went on board … ficent steam yacht Mahurouse, … installed for her visit to Ri… Ministers were … the harbour … to inspect … …

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…rom her school. Her architects … astonishment, engendering admiration, … even in its present ruins. In … sions of the oldest Empire had made … tronomy, hydraulics, geodesy sufficing … nts. After a few experimental failures they … ear by the heliacal rising of Sirius, as it … three four-months' seasons of flood-time, seed … harvest, accorded with the favoured nature of the … Whether their configuration of the lands they … quered—for like the Prussians they carried with … them itinerary plans of the countries they invaded … whether the determinations of the areas and … boundaries of their own precious portions of fertile soil … were as precise as those of our practised land surveyors, … and their applied mathematics as exact, I presume not to … pronounce, but numerous papyri testify to the precision … and exactitude of the bounds of private property. And this … one fact may merit mention—viz. that the spheres or circle … in their symbol of the Supreme is never exact, is purposely … depressed at opposite poles, as if a knowledge of the true … form of the world they lived in made them adopt their … oblate spheroid" as the type of the universe. Howsoever … that may be, Egypt was the cradle of art, as … of administrative government and of religion. She, by … antirom testimony of history and philosophy, was the … inventress of letters, of the symbols of thought, whereby … her learning could be recorded and handed down as it has … been, and now that we have learned her, for the … instruction of all times. To Egypt, while her sages … lived, resorted the Greeks for their various knowledges, and hence they drew the sources … of their mythology and philosophy, as well as the canons … of their sculpture and architecture. From Orpheus, Hesiod, Pythagoras, onwards to Eudoxus and Plato, every … name immortalized by its share in the development of the … Grecian intellect is recorded to have visited and sojourned … in Egypt. As I gazed on the solitary obelisk that still … stands to attest the old grandeur of Heliopolis—the Oxford … of Egypt—of which ruined city the extent is indicated by … surrounding mounds, where Plato lodged, which … in the time of Strabo could be pointed out to the old … geographer; there Plato studied, it would seem, some … years—as long, perhaps, as lasted the profits of the patriarchal corn-harvest with which he was endowed. On the Egyptian journey, in order to meet the expenses of a student's … residence. From the priests of On the Grecian sage received the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, which he … afterwards developed in the garden of the Academy at … Athens, with profit and delight to his listeners, 2,200 years … ago, as to the readers of the estimable Oxford reformer's … translation which brightens this intellectual history … of the present year. The great Hebrew teacher, … Plato's predecessor, who drew his "learning" … also from the same Egyptian source, could not admit … this after-life, or teach of reward or retribution in a … future state, without risk tainting his monotheism with … some trace of the manifold symbolism enthroning the wor… ship of the Divine son of Amon, who, after suffering loss of … the mortal life he had assumed for the bettering of … mankind, became, on resuming his godhead, their judge. … All other histories are comparatively recent after that of … Egypt. The Jewish branches off as a late period of the … temporary and partial conquest of Egypt by the Syro-… Arabian race. Assyria and Babylon grew in wisdom and … stature under the stern discipline and example of the conquerors of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Dynasties, the … glorious periods of the Thothmes and Rameses, the types of … the classical Sesostris and Memnon. At a subsequent … period the roving Argonauts showed Greece the way to the … sea cities and harbours of the many mouths of old Nile. … At a still later period the Neoplatonisms of the early … fathers of the Church grew rankly from the rich hotbed of … the well-endowed schools, libraries, and churches of … Alexandria. And so the several streams of knowledge and … belief converging from these several derivatives have … spread westward and northward, ever deepening and … widening, to culminate in such conditions of social … humanity as now characterize Europe and her mighty … offshoots.

…y. No one knows. … the Viceroy kept on … said that … that he is a very shrewd … of business, with a wonderful head for … figures, and that he has not hesitated … Oro, any very hot potato—such as the vast paper … story at Boulac—the moment it made his fingers … burn. Just now he is in much favour with the Bourse … gentlemen, and he was loudly cheered as he drove … through the great Square yesterday. It appears that … a European house in Alexandria was placed in insolvency by the conduct of a firm in London. The Viceroy … heard of this and at once offered to give them the … money demanded by the creditors, receiving some land … and houses in return. There is always much anxiety … manifested with respect to the Viceroy's movements, … the great point being whether he is going … to Constantinople or not; in other words, whether his Highness is about to spend, one way or … other, several hundreds of thousand pounds. For … the present the building of palaces seems to be at an … end, for the workmen are putting the finishing touches … to the palace at Benisé, which is on part of the site of … Cæsar's Camp, and not far from the scene of Abercrombie's victory. The probability is that the Viceroy … will go to Europe, but he will not visit Turkey unless it … is necessary to do so. Palace-building is a favourite … pastime in the vicinity of the Golden House, and the … djous who build them must be paid. The recent operations in Arabia have drawn very largely on the Treasury of Stamboul, and it is calculated on good authority … that the outlay on military movements within the last … two years in the unprofitable display of power around … Yemen has exceeded £2,000,000. The 30,000 men … said to be in Arabia have to be fed by imported provisions, and vessels are passing Port Said through the … the Canal to Jeddah, &c., laden with corn from Odessa, … for Arabia is no longer "blest" in any part.

The recent difficulty with the Suez Canal has caused a renewal of the rumours which are spread about every year that foreign Governments are discussing schemes for the purchase of the interests of the company. Sometimes the project is attributed to private individuals, and if a great English Peer and a capitalist *en voyage* visit Egypt in the autumn it is immediately affirmed in Alexandria that "they have come to buy the Suez Canal." A *brochure* in French, without a printer's or publisher's name, entitled "*La Solution de la Question du Canal de Suez*" has attracted much attention. It contains an elaborate the idea put forward in a pamphlet published … Co. last year, *Redemption of the* … proposes that the different … 200, with which … so as to …

SONGS OF TWO WORLDS.

Some three years ago a first batch of *Songs of Two Worlds*, by "a New Writer," called forth favourable comments from several competent critics. It was not so much perhaps their own substantial excellence that commanded notice as the promise arising out of a union of rare culture with a fresh study of nature that gave assurance of future and riper products. Though, as it chanced, the volume was not reviewed in these columns, this was not because the poems failed to attract or arrest our attention, so much as because they appeared too slender for detailed criticism. In some of them the rhyme was woven with art and melody to represent the beautiful things of external life; others evinced a scholar's insight into deeper philosophies, and bespoke habitual converse with ancient and classic models. Those who read the first series—which the second instalment just published can hardly fail to recall to public attention—will remember the delicate and refined fancy which breathes in such love-songs as "Love's Mirror," the truth to nature which in the reminiscence "By the Sea," the hardly less natural strains "On an old Minster," and the pathos and realism of such pieces as "In Trafalgar Square," "In Regent Street," and "The Young Mother." Perhaps the author's finest and strongest effort was the study of the human mind in its quest of truth and satisfaction, called "Wandering Soul" a poem which surveyed in turn the various arts, philosophies, and religions of mankind, in a series of stanzas of which one alone, containing the poet's reference to Socrates, will serve to exhibit the sterling quality of his muse:—

> And that white soul, clothed with a satyr's form,
> Which shone beneath the laurels day by day,
> And, fired with burning faith in God and right,
> Doubted men's doubts away.

But through all the writer's first published efforts one characteristic was conspicuous—namely, a healthily earnest… ness of thought and purpose, choosing fit themes and few breaking out into song because the stirred spirit could not brook longer silence, and expanding itself in wholesome and generous sympathies with the highest human interest. We are glad to find that in our busy and practical age there is a sufficient number of readers susceptible of impressions from healthy poetry to have encouraged this "New Writer" to a second venture.

It is always interesting to glean internal evidence of a poet's scope and motive; and in these new songs several pieces show that the author prefers the living present to the dead past for his theme and inspiration, sees his way clearer in the contemplation of the real and earnest than in the mazes of art and fancy, and, above all, holds that a singer is responsible for the moral tone of his lays. In his "Apology," after a passage of great beauty which pleads for the photographic delineation of nature and humanity as they are, instead of

> Blue hills with adumbrations faint,
> Or misty aureoled saint,

he thus defines the office and ministry of a "genuine "vates" by a subtle and truthful contrast:—

> Dull creed of earthy souls! who tell
> That, be the song of heaven or hell,
> Who truly sings, sings well,
> And with the same encomiums greet
> The satyr baring brutish feet,
> And pure child-angels sweet;
> Whose praise in equal meed can share
> The Monad with distempered hair,
> The cold Madonna fair.
> Great singers of the past! whose song
> Still streams down earthward pure and strong,
> Free from all stain of wrong;
> Whose lives were chequered, but whose verse
> The generations still rehearse;
> Yet never soul grew worse.

Towards the close of the same poem he indicates with still more distinctness his own poetical "platform," and also affords a clue to the title of his volumes, which represents, it seems, his twofold object of imaging the features of the … of to-day and reaching forward to the better world … which latter he dreams of

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